

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:-**

1. A printer cartridge for an inkjet printer including:

a printing fluid storage;

a pagewidth printhead in fluid communication with the printing fluid storage; and

5 a shield extending the length of the printhead arranged to protect the printhead from contact with paper upon insertion of the cartridge into a cradle of the inkjet printer.

2. A printer cartridge according to claim 1 further including an elongate body housing the printing fluid storage and adapted to be received within the cradle of the inkjet printer.

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3. A printer cartridge for an inkjet printer according to claim 1, wherein the shield is further arranged to act as a cover plate to seal an air duct of the printer cartridge.

4. An inkjet printer cartridge including:

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an elongate body adapted to be received within a printer cradle;

at least one printing fluid storage reservoir housed within the elongate body;

a pagewidth printhead attached to the elongate body and in fluid communication with the at least one printing fluid storage reservoir; and

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a shield extending the length of the printhead and arranged to protect the printhead from contact with paper upon insertion of the cartridge into an inkjet printer cradle and further arranged to seal an air duct of the inkjet printer cartridge.